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Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS SUPPORTING NETWORK
COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH A FIREWALL
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 11, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on June 11, 2004. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification. No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

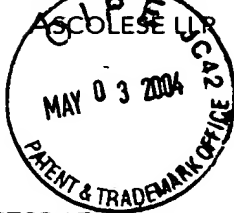
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 23 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate);
- (3) Response To Final Office Action (29 pages);
- (4) Figure 1 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1 page); and
- (5) Figure 1 Replacement Sheet (1 page).

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED (fees computed under 37 CFR §1.9(f))

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Independent Claims	13	Minus	16	=	0	x \$ 86.00	\$	0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee for Request for Extension of Time						\$	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Total additional fee for this Amendment:</u>							\$	<u>0.00</u>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502306 in the amount of						\$	<u>0.00</u>
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